GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1596
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2000
HEPATITIS-B VACCINATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2408 on August 7, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the introduction of pilot project Hepatitis `B` Vaccination is finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any further request from Government of Maharashtra or other State Governments regarding Hepatitis `B` Vaccination;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether various countries in the world, WHO and UNICEF are recommending Hepatitis `B` Vaccination;

(f) if so, whether some foreign organizations have offered themselves to support and give grant to Hepatitis `B` Vaccination Programme in the country;
(g) if so, the details thereof; and
(h) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): A proposal for a Pilot Project for introduction of Hepatitis `B` in selected districts and cities is still under consideration.

(c)&(d): Apart from the requests for introduction of Hepatitis `B`, received earlier from the State of Maharashtra, Kerala, and Haryana, a new request has also been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f),(g) & (h): Yes, Sir. The Department has initiated a dialogue with the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization for support for the Pilot Project referred to in the answers to (a)&(b) above. Separately, a proposal for a grant from the Children Vaccine Programme, an international Non Governmental Organisation for Hepatitis B vaccination and other immunization activities in Andhra Pradesh is also under consideration.